

A provincial council of the Benedictine Houses belonging to the French province of the Casinese Congregation of the Primitive Observance of the Order of St. Benedict, convenes at Pierre-Qui-Vire, diocese of Lens, France, July 2nd. V. Rev. Prior Leo Gariador, O. S. B., left on the Aquitaine, June 21st, to represent Sacred Heart Abbey, Oklahoma Territory.

Dom Domenico Serafini, Abbot-General of the Cassinese Congregation of the Primitive Observance, was appointed Archbishop of Spoleto in secret consistory of April 19th, and consecrated Sunday, May 6th, Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, by His Eminence Cardinal Serafino Vanutelli. The election of a new Abbot-General will take place in Rome probably in November.

The Benedictine Abbey of St. Julian de Samos in Spain has lately made a new foundation near Ovideo. Seven Fathers have already arrived at the new priory, where they will open an educational institution.

The bill introduced by Delegate D. T. Flynn of Oklahoma, to issue a patent of the land occupied by Sacred Heart Mission schools, in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma, to the organizers of the Mission, the Benedictine Fathers, has been reported favorably, without amendment, and is now on the house calendar with good chances of soon becoming a law.

Rt. Rev. Boniface Krug, O. S. B., Archabbot of Monte Cassino, is at present in this country collecting funds, for the restoration and decoration of the tomb of St. Benedict. Two years ago, the Holy Father himself donated for that object 25,000 lire, (nearly \$5,000).

On the night of May 18th, fire destroyed the Benedictine College of Belmont, N. C. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, covered by only \$15,000 insurance. It was as by miracle that the monastery and the magnificent church were saved, though they suffered much damage from the water.